ISI and the movements are suspected to have been watched by Pakistan from across the border;

(b) if so, whether any investigation into the lapses in the security has been made by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government against those identified for the leakage of the defence papers and responsible for security lapses?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Except some unconfirmed media reports, no authentic information of leakage of important papers relating to military exercises in the Western Sector to the ISI has come to the notice of the Government in the recent past.

(b) to (d) On receipt of specific reports in respect of leakage of classified information, enquiries/investigations are immediately conducted and appropriate actions are taken based on the findings of such enquiry/investigation. Adequate security measures and guidelines exist for safeguarding and handling of exercise papers. Security procedures are reviewed from time to time.

Financial Assistance for Construction of By-Passes in Gujarat

*109. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any proposal from the Government of Gujarat seeking financial assistance for the construction of by-passes during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when Government are likely to allocate the required funds?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Financial assistance is given for State roads under the Scheme for roads of Economic & Inter State Importance. No proposals for by-passes have been received from the Government of Gujarat under this Schemes. (b) and (c) Do not arise.

Long-term Policy for Flood Control

*110. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated flood-prone areas in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are considering for creation of any long-term policy to fight the annual menace of devastating floods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESWEAR MISHRA): (a) The Rashtriya Barh Ayog (1980) had estimated the flood prone area of the country as 40 million ha. which included 10 million ha. of areas protected from floods at that time, with break up as given in the enclosed statement. *(See* below)

(b) and (c) Government of India had constituted the Rashtriya Barh Ayog (RBA) in 1976 to evolve a comprehensive approach to the problem of flood in the country. The report of the Ayog (1980) contains 207 recommendations which have been sent to the State Governments for implementation.

Two Committees headed by Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India, constituted in 1987, observed that absolute flood control and protection of all flood prone areas for all magnitudes of floods is not possible and hence flood management measures through a combination of structural and non structural measures would be the most practicable way. The recommendations of the Committees have been sent to the State Governments for implementation. The Central Government is operating flood forecasting service on Inter-state river basins.